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SENATE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

2007 – 2008 RULES

1. Quorum of the Committee shall be three (3) members.
2. The Chairman shall determine which bills and resolutions are to be considered and the order in which said measures are considered; the Chairman shall have the authority to call a bill, resolution, substitute, or amendment for debate and explanation only.
3. The Chairman shall have the authority to refer bills and resolutions to subcommittees for study. Such subcommittees in turn shall have the authority to make recommendations on such measures to the full committee at such time as shall be designated by the Chairman.
4. The Committee shall convene, recess and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman.
5. The Chairman reserves the right to delay action on substitutes and amendments not provided to the Chairman at least 48 hours prior to hearing.
6. Any member or members of the Committee who disagree with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a minority report in writing, setting forth concise reasons for their dissent.
7. These rules may be amended upon a motion duly made and subsequently approved by a quorum of the Committee, in a meeting called by the Chairman.
8. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after presentation by its principal author or a legislator whom he or she designates to do so. In the event that more than one member of the General Assembly has signed a measure, the principle author shall be the one whose name appeared first in the list of authors.
9. When these rules are silent on a specific issue, the Rules of the Senate, as adopted, shall govern.

**Minutes of the
Senate Science and Technology Committee
January 22, 2007**

The Senate Science and Technology Committee met on Monday, January 22, 2007 in room 318 of the CLOB. Chairman Staton called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

The following Senators were present:

Staton, 18th
Douglas, 17th
Heath, 31st
Orrock, 36th
Powell, 23rd

Chairman Staton explained the rules for the committee. Senator Heath made a motion to adopt the rules and Senator Douglas seconded the motion. The rules were unanimously adopted.

SB 24 (Sen. Staton, 18th) Computer Security; persons provide identifying information by falsely representing themselves to be a business; definitions; penalties

Chairman Staton presented a substitute bill to the committee and explained the changes.

After some discussion, Senator Orrock made a motion to amend the substitute on Page 3, Line 18, to change "employee's" to "employer's". Senator Douglas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Clark, representing the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association, spoke in favor of the bill. He said that on page 2, lines 24-28 were removed and he would like them included in the substitute. After some discussion, Senator Heath made a motion to amend the substitute and include the original text from page 2, lines 24-28. Senator Powell seconded the motion and the amendment passed unanimously.

Chairman Staton then asked for a motion that **SB 24 do pass by substitute**. Senator Heath made the motion and Senator Powell seconded the motion. SB 24 passed unanimously.

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Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator John Douglas, 17th
Secretary

/s/ Betty Conner
Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the
Senate Science and Technology Committee
February 22, 2007**

The Senate Science and Technology Committee met on Thursday, February 22, 2007 in 450 of the Capitol. Chairman Staton called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

The following Senators were present:

Staton, 18th
Douglas, 17th
Heath, 31st
Shafer, 48th

SB 148 (Sen. Shafer, 48th) Saving the Cure Act; create the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Bank for postnatal tissue and fluid; Georgia Commission for Saving the Cure

Chairman Staton introduced Dr. David Hess, Medical College of Georgia, who spoke via satellite to the Committee about his research with stem cells.

Senator Powell arrived at 3:20 p.m.

Senator Orrock arrived at 3:22 p.m.

Those speaking in favor of the bill were:

Kevin Harris, Georgia Right to Life
Sadie Fields, Georgia Christian Coalition
Dr. Meg Nichols, Mercer School of Medicine

Those speaking against the bill were:

Charles Craig , GA Biomedical Partnership
Dr. Marie Csete, MD, Ph.D. Steinhaus Professor of Anesthesiology at Emory/GA Tech

Senator Shafer spoke to his bill and said he has a constituent who received a stem cell transplant and within a year his body was clear of sickle cell anemia.

Senator Heath made a motion that **SB 148 do pass**

Senator Orrock made a motion to take out some disputed language on page 2 line 19 - line 30. No second was made and the motion failed.

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Senator Powell seconded the motion made earlier by Senator Heath that [SB 148](#) **do pass**. SB 148 passed by a vote of 5 – 1 with Senator Orrock voting nay.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator John Douglas, 17th
Secretary

/s/ Betty Conner
Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the
Senate Science and Technology Committee
March 13, 2007**

The Senate Science and Technology Committee met on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 in room 310 of the CLOB. Chairman Staton called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

The following Senators were present:

Staton, 18th
Douglas, 17th
Heath, 31st
Orrock, 36th

SB 280 (Sen. Moody, 56th) Georgia Technology Authority; provide for construction/interpretation of the Code section

Senator Powell arrived at 10:10 a.m.

Chairman Staton said that Senator Moody was sick and asked that he present the bill.

Patrick Moore, Executive Director, Georgia Technology Authority, spoke in favor of the bill. If you own one share of stock in AT&T or IBM, you would be prohibited from taking a position at a higher level at GTA. He submitted a substitute to the members.

It was explained that the original draft of this bill had language that was deemed to be confusing as the Code section referenced applied to other state agencies that would have been in conflict with the intent of this legislation.

Senator Shafer arrived at 10:15 a.m.

After much discussion, Senator Heath made a motion to amend the substitute to include the language from the original bill and to further clarify a point about the intent of the 1 percent language. Senator Powell seconded the motion. The amendment passed unanimously.

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Senator Heath then made a motion that **SB 280 do pass by substitute** and Senator Powell seconded the motion. SB 280 passed with a vote of 5 – 1 with Senator Orrock voting nay.

SR 247 (Sen. Shafer, 48th) Eugenics; express profound regret for Georgia's participation

Senator Shafer said that this bill was drafted to draw attention to correct a wrong committed by Georgians.

Senator Orrock expressed her disagreement with the Resolution.

Senator Douglas made a motion that **SR 247 do pass** and Senator Powell seconded the motion. SR 247 passed with a vote of 5 – 1 with Senator Orrock voting nay.

Meeting adjourned 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator John Douglas, 17th
Secretary

/s/ Betty Conner
Recording Secretary

**Minutes of the
Senate Science and Technology Committee
April 16, 2007**

The Senate Science and Technology Committee met on Monday, April 16, 2007 in room 125 of the Capitol. Chairman Staton called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The following Senators were present:

Staton, 18th

Heath, 31st

Schaefer, 50th

SR 593 (Sen. Whitehead, 24th) Brain Fingerprinting Technology; create Senate Study Committee

Chairman Staton said that Senator Whitehead was in another meeting and that Jim Fernander was there to present the bill.

Senator Heath said he was ready to make a motion that **SR 593 do pass** because he had studied the bill and knew that it was a good bill. Chairman Staton explained that all of the members had other meetings to attend and there was not time to look at the presentation.

Senator Schaefer seconded the motion and SR 593 passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator John Douglas, 17th
Secretary

/s/ Betty Conner
Recording Secretary

July 25, 2007

The Honorable Bob Ewing
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Mr. Ewing:

Please find listed below the bills remaining in the Senate Science and Technology Committee for the 2007 Legislative Session:

[SB 59](#)
[SB 136](#)

Sincerely,

/s/Betty Conner
Recording Secretary
Senate Science and Technology Committee